

AQUASCUTUM LTD BY NICK HART OF SAVILE ROW AUTUMN/WINTER 2007 MENSWEAR COLLECTION

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The Aquascutum Ltd Autumn/Winter 2007 menswear collection by Savile Row tailor, Nick Hart - a capsule collection of men's formalwear suits, jackets, trousers, coats, shirts, scarves and ties - is inspired by the timeless sharp British tailoring of Aquascutum in the 1960s.

The iconic and quintessentially British silhouette of 'working class meets royalty' is refreshed for today's slick young businessman with a keen eye on quality. Drawing on the iconic style of Michael Caine, Terence Stamp and David Bailey, with an unparalleled attention to detail, Hart has designed a collection of paired down, 'old school' menswear - masculine, raffish and elegant. Hart refers to his collection as "proper clothes for proper men".

The suit collection comprises a strong offering of Nick Hart signature narrow one-button dresswear suits lined in 100% silk: sharp lapels mixed with a soft construction, silk contrasts on the collar; double-breasted coats with slim lapels and silk polka dot self-coloured collars and a chocolate brown razor sharp one-button suiting in silk wool completes the collection. Minimalist British winter mohair gives a texture-rich effect to suitings in black, greys, dark greens, dark blues and very dark red.

Double-breasted blazers with bellow pockets (Hart's take on military Savile Row hunting-shooting-fishing) are worn with wide trousers and jodhpurs, but in dark colours. The coat collection includes one-piece collar coats with set-in sleeves; above-the knee quintessentially British coats and slim lapel reinvented covert coats.

Formal shirts, handled with a light under-designed touch, include a large range of iridescent, small-collared, under-button shirts in dark colours with black running through them; soft, one-piece collared shirts in cotton wool; white high-buttoning shawl shirts to wear with shawl or Mao-collared dress suits and cool white dress - wear shirts giving a taste of the glamorous nightlife of 60s Hollywood.

Nick Hart has worked in the textile industry for over twenty years. He set up Spencer Hart to fill the gap in the market between Savile Row's sartorial traditions and modern luxury fashion. Hart's modern-day interpretation of the classic Savile Row tailored suit has no compromise on quality and fit and is a clever mix of traditional authenticity and modern design.

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